

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 and 13-19 are pending in the application. Claims 8 and 11 are amended herein.

Claims 1-11 and 13-19 stand rejected as being allegedly unpatentable pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Nevertheless, the undersigned submits that each of the pending claims is patentable over the cited art.

The Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of each of the rejected claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4311 with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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